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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1627**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: BEUCHLER et al.  
Title: HYBRID PHTHALOCYANINE  
DERIVATIVES AND THEIR  
USES  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2001, made final ("Paper No. 12"), please consider the following remarks.

The present invention relates in part to assay methods that utilize water soluble hybrid phthalocyanine derivatives as fluorescent labels. The water soluble hybrid phthalocyanine derivatives of the instant invention exhibit advantageously large stokes shifts and intensities, and are useful as labels, for example in assays for determining the presence or amount of an analyte in aqueous samples.